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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/525,886	TAKEHARA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Tamai I.E. Karl	2834

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7,8,10-15 and 21-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/25/07; 2/25/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 6/25/2007 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

The reference "Die Modulare Dauermagnetmachine; Aufbau und Eigenschaften" was not provided by the Applicant. A telephone call was placed to the office of Bruce Adams on 8/27/2007 to obtain a copy of the missing reference, but the reference was not provided by the Applicant at that time.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 7/11/2005. These drawings are accepted.

Specification

3. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 9 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu (US 4888512) and Hendershot ("Design of Brushless Permanent Magnet Motors). Shimizu teaches a permanent magnet rotor having an inner diameter 20mm or less where the thickness of the magnet is a result effective variable (col. 5, lines 30-40). Shimizu teaches the result effective variable include the inner diameter D1 and the number of magnetic domains (P). Shimizu teaches the cylindrical magnets with symmetrical, aligned magnetized directions (see figures 5a, 5b). Shimizu does not

teach the thickness being $t < \pi D/(NM\pi)$. Hendershot teaches the magnet thickness (L_m) is a result effective variable for determining how the magnet will perform in a magnet circuit (pg 3-20,3-21) and amount of current allowed without demagnetizing the magnet. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the motor of Shimizu with the thickness being $t < \pi D/(NM\pi)$ because Shimizu teaches the magnet can be made small with a large magnetic force, with the calculated thickness including the number of phases because Hendershot teaches the number of phases is a result effective variable in determining the demagnetization current of the machine, and because it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. (see *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233).

8. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu (US 4888512) and Hendershot ("Design of Brushless Permanent Magnet Motors), in further view of Horikawa et al. (Horikawa)(US 5062095). Shimizu and Hendershot teach every aspect of the invention except the magnet being SmCo. Horikawa teaches SmCo has high productivity and workability and is an alternative equivalent to other rare earth magnets (col. 2, lines 25-25). It would have been to a person of ordinary skill in the art to construct the magnet of Shimizu and Hendershot with the material being SmCo because it has high productivity and workability as taught by Horikawa, and because it is within the ordinary skill in the art to choose between known equivalents.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg, can be reached at (571) 272 - 2044. The facsimile number for the Group is (571) 273 - 8300.

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Karl I Tamai
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER
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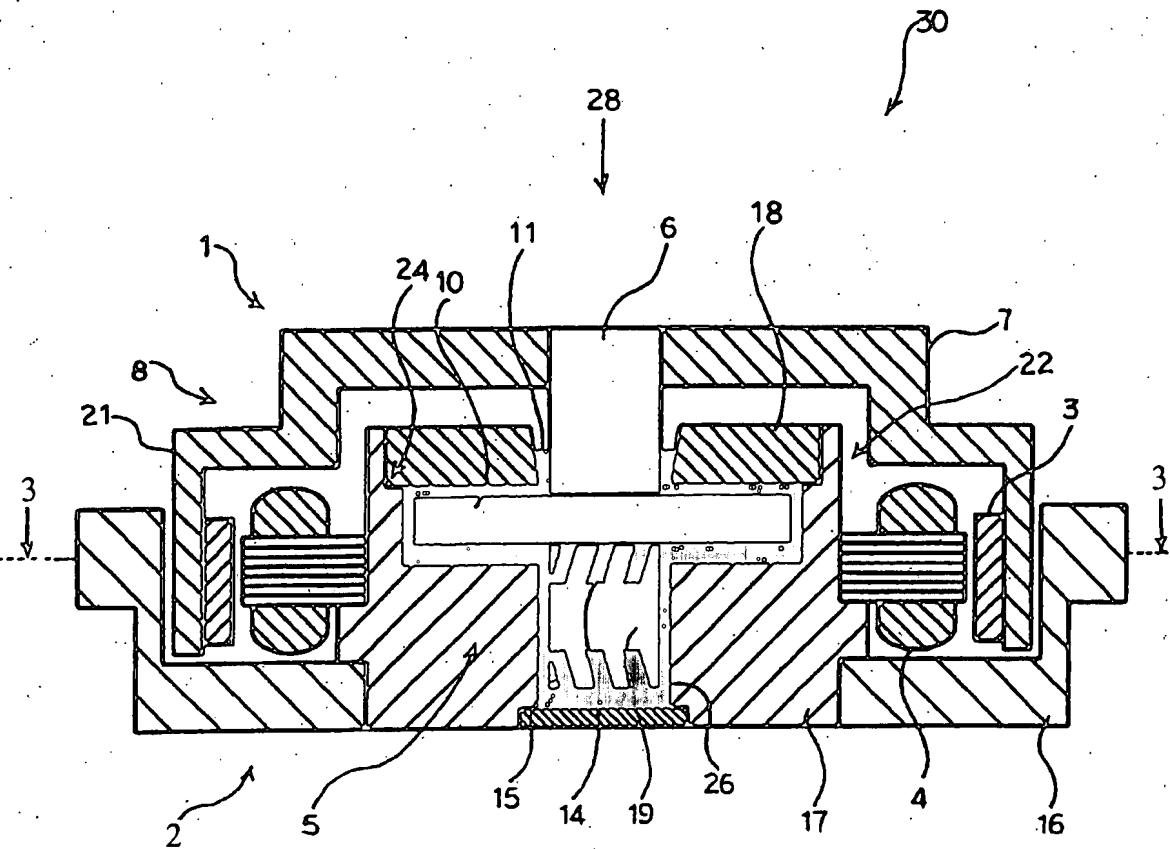


FIG. 1